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## **REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION**

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed May 7, 2002, Applicant makes the following remarks.

## **REMARKS**

## The Invention

The invention features a method for stimulating an immune response specific to a naturally occurring protein in an animal having an immune system including T cells by administering an altered protein having an unstable polypeptide sequence inserted by artifice.